

REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 23, 60 and 61 have been amended, and claims 55-59 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-22 and 24-55 have been allowed. Claims 23, 60 and 61 remain pending and under consideration.

Claim 23 stands objected to because of informalities. Applicants wish to extend their gratitude to the Examiner for pointing out the informality. Claim 23 has been amended to set forth "the left and right atrium" as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 60 and 61 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 60 and 61 have both been amended to include the limitations of base claim 58 and intervening claim 59, as suggested. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

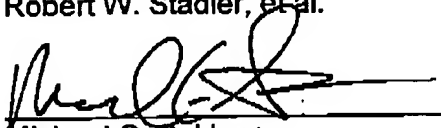
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,
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